

Corres. and Mail BOX AF

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE GROUP 2652 PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q68736

RECEIVED

Hironobu ISHIKAWA, et al.

OCT 1 3 2004

Group Art Unit: 2652

Technology Center 2600

Appln. No.: 10/090,267 Confirmation No.: 6535

Examiner: David Donald Davis

Filed: March 07, 2002

For:

CERAMIC DYNAMIC-PRESSURE BEARING AND HARD DISK DRIVE USING THE

SAME

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

MAIL STOP AF

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2004, please consider Applicants' remarks as follows on the accompanying pages.

TABLE OF CONTENTS